THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SUNDAR LAL PATWA): (a) Funds under major rural development programmes are allocated to the States in the beginning of the year as per predetermined norms.

(b) and (c) The total allocation of funds including Central and State share for rural development programmes and expenditure reported by the States of Rajasthan & Orissa, State-wise, for the year 1997-98, 1998-99 and 1999-2000 are given below:

(Rs. In Crores)

Name of State	Total allocation			Expenditure reported		
	1997-98	1998-99	1999-2000	1997-98	1998-99	1999-2000
Rajasthan	690.84	675.14	637.14	681.03	638.85	139.68 (up to Aug., 1999)
Orissa	688.03	750.42	675.17	638.66	672.63	139.87 (up to Sept., 1999)

Model Villages in NE

1487. SHRI W. ANGOU SINGH: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any plan to reconstruct Model villages in the North-Eastern Region;

(b) if so, the basis regarding construction of Model villages; and

(c) if not, for not taking up the Model villages in phased manner?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SUNDAR LAL PATWA): (a) to (c) The idea of developing model villages by the Ministry of Rural Development is presently only at conceptual stage.